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In re the application of

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RADIAL FORCE DISTRIBUTION**

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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 21-24.

21. A balloon catheter, comprising:

a) a catheter shaft having a proximal end, a distal end, and at least one lumen; and

b) a balloon having a central working section with a proximal end and a distal end, and having proximal and distal end portions which extend inwardly with respect to the working section, the central working section and the proximal and distal end portions defining an interior chamber which inflates to an inflated